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SPOKESMEN

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1. AT HIS MARCH 18 PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD ANSWERED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS IN CHICAGO AND US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

2. GRUENEWALD INDICATED CONSIDERATION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENTLY BEING GIVEN TO A NIXON-BRANDT MEETING. ASKED WHETHER ONE COULD COUNT ON A VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO WESTERN EUROPE STILL IN THIS YEAR, GRUENEWALD SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO SPEAK OF A DATE FOR SUCH A VISIT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT COULD ARISE, GRUENEWALD NOTED "THAT IN THE TEXT OF THE CHICAGO SPEECH THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERED THAT A TRIP TO EUROPE AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE, AND (THE PRESIDENT) SAID THIS IN THE VERY SPECIFIC CONNECTION WITH AN APRIL DATE (WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN CONSIDERED).

3. TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, GRUENEWALD SAID ONE COULD NOT COUNT ON THE PRESIDENT COMING TO BRUSSELS FOR THE SIGNING OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE. ASKED WHETHER THE FRG WAS GIVING FURTHER THOUGHT TO THE FORM OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION, GRUENEWALD SAID THIS STILL HAD TO BE CLARIFIED.

4. ASKED WHETHER CHANCELLOR BRANDT WAS CONSIDERING A DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, GRUENEWALD REFERRED TO SCHEEL'S INTERVIEW (SEE REFTEL) IN WHICH THE MINISTER HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD TAKEN AN INITIATIVE WITH THE NINE. GRUENEWALD EMPHASIZED IN ANSWERING ANOTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTION THAT THE FRG HOPED "THAT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WILL HAVE NO CONSEQUENCES FOR CSCE AND MBFR". THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FRG CAN ACT AS "BRAKE, BROKER OR INITIATOR" IS A MATTER FOR THE NINE TO DECIDE.

5. GRUENEWALD REVEALED THAT, BEFORE AN EC NINE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL

TAKE PLACE, PERHAPS IN APRIL, BUT IN ANY CASE IN MAY.
GRUENEWALD SAID THE TRANS-ATLANTIC DIALOGUE WAS
IN NO WAY BROKEN OFF, BUT RATHER BEING FURTHER
CARRIED ON IN THE CIRCLE OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS
AT NATO.
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